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Mid-May Prices Received by Farmers

Preliminary indications of prices received by Idaho farmers for the month of May showed increases from April for potatoes, wheat, and cows. Price declines included alfalfa hay, all barley, feed barley, dry beans, beef cattle, steers & heifers, and calves. Milk price is unchanged.

For the U.S., the All Farm Products Index of Prices Received in May was 99 based on 1990-92= 100, up 3 points from April. Price increases from April for hogs, broilers, oranges, and hay more than offset price decreases for lettuce, strawberries, cattle, and eggs.

Prices Received by Farmers for Selected Commodities, May 1998-May 1999

Commodity	Unit	Idaho			United States			
		May 1998	April 1999	May 1999 ^{1/}	May 1998	April 1999	May 1999	
							Price ^{1/}	% Parity
CROPS:								
Alfalfa Hay	Ton	80.00	74.00	62.00	107.00	85.60	95.70	--
Barley, All	Bu.	2.68	2.51	2.44	2.13	1.77	1.78	30
Feed	Bu.	2.22	2.01	1.90	1.91	1.55	1.66	--
Malting	Bu.	2.97	10/	10/	2.52	2.09	2.02	--
Dry Beans	Cwt.	21.60	16.70	16.30	20.80	16.80	19.50	39
Potatoes ^{2/}	Cwt.	4.50	4.85	4.90	6.39	6.14	6.42	48
Fresh ^{3/}	Cwt.	3.40	4.20	--	7.11	7.04	--	--
Processing	Cwt.	4.90	4.70	--	5.97	5.24	--	--
Wheat, All	Bu.	2.64	2.63	2.66	3.06	2.62	2.58	27
LIVESTOCK & PRODUCTS:								
Beef Cattle ^{4/}	Cwt.	59.00	58.10	57.90	63.00	62.70	61.40	40
Cows ^{5/}	Cwt.	34.60	33.60	34.50	36.40	35.10	36.30	--
Steers & Heifers	Cwt.	66.70	65.90	65.30	66.30	66.00	64.50	--
Calves	Cwt.	83.00	80.00	79.00	88.90	88.20	87.20	45
Lambs	Cwt.	61.00	69.00	--	63.00	67.40	--	--
Milk, All ^{6/}	Cwt.	11.30	12.20	12.20	13.30	12.60	7/ 12.90	8/ 43
Fluid Grade ^{9/}	Cwt.	11.30	12.20	--	13.30	12.60	7/ 12.90	--
Mfg. Grade	Cwt.	11.07	12.00	--	11.30	11.90	7/ 11.60	--

1/ Mid-Month. 2/ Average price of potatoes sold for all uses, including table stock, processing, seed and livestock feed. 3/ Fresh market prices only, includes table stock prices. 4/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 5/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 6/ Before deductions for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies. 7/ Fat test percent: all milk 3.60, fluid milk 3.60, mfg grade 3.71. 8/ Seasonally adjusted price as percentage of parity price. 9/ Including milk diverted to manufacturing. 10/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	April 1998	May 1998	April 1999		May 1999 Preliminary
			Preliminary	Revised	
Prices Received	104	103	98	96	99
Prices Paid	118	117	116	116	117
Ratio ^{1/}	88	88	84	83	85

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid.

U.S. Dairy Products April 1999 Highlights

Butter production was 106 million pounds in April, 0.6 percent below April 1998 and 6.4 percent below March 1999.

American Type Cheese production totaled 319 million pounds, 10.6 percent above April 1998 and 0.8 percent above March 1999.

Total Cheese output (excluding cottage cheese) was 673 million pounds, 5.2 percent above April 1998 but 2.8 percent below March 1999.

Creamed Cottage Cheese production was 30.8 million pounds, 1.6 percent above April 1998 and 1.2 percent above March 1999.

Lowfat Cottage Cheese production was 29.6 million pounds, 3.7 percent below April 1998 and 13.6 percent below March 1999.

Frozen Dessert: (Comparisons with April 1998)

Ice cream

Regular (hard) - 75.2 million gallons, down 7.6 percent.

Lowfat (total) - 31.3 million gallons, down 16.8 percent.

Nonfat (hard) - 2.82 million gallons, down 18.4 percent.

Sherbet (hard) - 4.72 million gallons, up 3.0 percent.

Frozen Yogurt (total) - 8.99 million gallons, up 11.6 percent.

Dry Milk Products: (Comparisons with April 1998)

Nonfat dry milk

for human food - 134 million pounds, up 11.6 percent.

Dry whole milk - 8.98 million pounds, down 20.1 percent.

Dry buttermilk - 5.02 million pounds, down 1.6 percent.

Idaho's June 1 Winter Wheat Forecast Down From May 1

Idaho's 1999 winter wheat production is forecast at 54.0 million bushels, down 1 percent from last month's forecast and 15 percent below last year's crop. This year's expected production level is 22 percent less than the 1997 crop. The yield is forecasted to be 76.0 bushels per acre, a decrease of 1 bushel from last month and 6 bushels below 1998. Acres to be harvested, at 710,000, represent a 60,000 acre decrease from 1998 and a 150,000 acre decline from 1997.

Idaho hops strung for harvest in 1999 totaled 3,371 acres, 14 percent below last year's area harvested of 3,909 acres.

United States winter wheat production is forecast at 1.61 billion bushels, down slightly from May 1 and 14 percent less than last year. Area for grain harvest is 36.0 million acres, down 1 percent from last month and 10 percent below 1998. Yields are now expected to average 44.7 bushels per acre, up 0.3 bushels from the last forecast, but 2.2 bushels below last year's record yield.

United States hops strung for harvest in 1999 totaled 34,240 acres, 7 percent below the 36,643 acres harvested in 1998.

Winter Wheat, Selected States 1998-1999

STATE	Area Harvested		Yield			Production	
	1998	1999	1998	May 1, 1999	June 1, 1999	1998	1999
	<i>1,000 Acres</i>		<i>Bushels</i>			<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	
Arkansas	900	830	51.0	53.0	54.0	45,900	44,820
California	380	390	60.0	70.0	75.0	22,800	29,250
Colorado	2,550	2,400	39.0	38.0	37.0	99,450	88,800
IDAHO	770	710	82.0	77.0	76.0	63,140	53,960
Illinois	1,200	1,020	48.0	52.0	55.0	57,600	56,100
Indiana	650	510	55.0	57.0	60.0	35,750	30,600
Kansas	10,100	9,200	49.0	43.0	43.0	494,900	395,600
Michigan	570	600	54.0	54.0	56.0	30,780	33,600
Missouri	1,250	950	46.0	48.0	49.0	57,500	46,550
Montana	1,250	1,000	39.0	40.0	40.0	48,750	40,000
Nebraska	1,800	1,900	46.0	40.0	42.0	82,800	79,800
Nevada ^{1/}	6	10	100.0	90.0	90.0	600	900
North Carolina	680	600	41.0	46.0	44.0	27,880	26,400
Ohio	1,160	1,030	64.0	61.0	62.0	74,240	63,860
Oklahoma	5,100	4,500	39.0	34.0	33.0	198,900	148,500
Oregon	790	640	67.0	59.0	58.0	52,930	37,120
South Dakota	1,420	1,260	43.0	42.0	42.0	61,060	52,920
Texas	3,900	3,400	35.0	31.0	33.0	136,500	112,200
Utah ^{1/}	150	145	50.0	50.0	50.0	7,500	7,250
Washington	2,100	1,800	65.0	64.0	62.0	136,500	111,600
Wyoming ^{1/}	200	170	32.0	33.0	33.0	6,400	5,610
UNITED STATES	40,126	36,043	46.9	44.4	44.7	1,880,605	1,611,599

^{1/} Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

Idaho's 1998 Winter Wheat, Top Twelve Counties

HARVESTED	
<i>County</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Nez Perce	77,200
Latah	76,500
Bingham	67,600
Power	63,400
Cassia	61,300
Lewis	50,000
Idaho	48,000
Canyon	34,000
Twin Falls	31,800
Oneida	25,300
Bannock	23,600
Benewah	23,500

YIELD	
<i>County</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Twin Falls	122.6
Canyon	120.9
Jerome	114.3
Gem	113.8
Ada	112.5
Owyhee	109.7
Elmore	105.5
Lincoln	105.0
Gooding	104.0
Minidoka	104.0
Payette	95.3
Cassia	94.1

PRODUCTION	
<i>County</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Nez Perce	6,740,000
Bingham	6,338,000
Latah	6,250,000
Cassia	5,767,000
Canyon	4,110,000
Power	4,010,000
Twin Falls	3,900,000
Idaho	3,490,000
Lewis	3,340,000
Minidoka	2,079,600
Benewah	1,670,000
Elmore	1,509,000

Idaho's 1998 Spring Wheat, Top Twelve Counties

HARVESTED	
<i>County</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Bingham	59,500
Jefferson	50,000
Power	45,300
Bonneville	41,100
Madison	32,600
Cassia	31,500
Minidoka	29,700
Fremont	29,000
Latah	16,300
Caribou	15,500
Lewis	12,500
Bannock	12,400
Jerome	11,000

YIELD	
<i>County</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Clark	99.0
Twin Falls	96.6
Lincoln	94.1
Jerome	93.6
Ada	92.9
Gooding	92.8
Jefferson	92.8
Minidoka	92.2
Bingham	91.4
Canyon	90.9
Gem	89.0
Cassia	88.1

PRODUCTION	
<i>County</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Bingham	5,440,000
Jefferson	4,640,000
Bonneville	3,052,000
Power	2,890,000
Cassia	2,775,000
Minidoka	2,737,000
Madison	2,642,000
Fremont	2,355,000
Clark	1,030,000
Jerome	1,030,000
Lincoln	932,000
Latah	885,000

Idaho's 1998 All Wheat, Top Twelve Counties

HARVESTED	
<i>County</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Bingham	127,100
Power	108,700
Cassia	92,800
Latah	92,800
Nez Perce	87,700
Bonneville	64,500
Lewis	62,500
Idaho	58,000
Jefferson	52,600
Minidoka	49,700
Canyon	40,400
Twin Falls	39,400

YIELD	
<i>County</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Twin Falls	117.6
Canyon	116.1
Ada	107.0
Gem	106.3
Jerome	104.1
Elmore	104.0
Owyhee	102.0
Gooding	98.3
Minidoka	96.9
Lincoln	96.3
Payette	94.1
Jefferson	92.8

PRODUCTION	
<i>County</i>	<i>Bushels</i>
Bingham	11,778,000
Cassia	8,542,000
Nez Perce	7,349,000
Latah	7,135,000
Power	6,900,000
Jefferson	4,882,000
Minidoka	4,816,600
Canyon	4,692,000
Twin Falls	4,634,000
Bonneville	4,358,000
Idaho	4,034,000
Lewis	4,033,000